

abuse within Federal spending, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–698). **Page H6578**

Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by voice vote. **Page H6561**

STEM Jobs Act of 2012: The House passed H.R. 6429, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to promote innovation, investment, and research in the United States and to eliminate the diversity immigrant program, by a yea-and-nay vote of 245 yeas to 139 nays, Roll No. 613. **Pages H6539–61**

Rejected the Zoe Lofgren motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on the Judiciary with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a yea-and-nay vote of 157 yeas to 231 nays, Roll No. 612. **Pages H6556–60**

Pursuant to the rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 112–34, modified by the amendment printed in H. Rept. 112–697, shall be considered as adopted. **Page H6539**

H. Res. 821, the rule that is providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to yesterday, November 29th.

Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12 noon on Monday, December 3rd for morning hour debate and 2 p.m. for legislative business. **Page H6564**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on pages H6561–62.

Senate Referral: S. 3542 was held at the desk.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H6560, H6560–61. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 2:21 p.m.

Committee Meeting

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Energy and Environment held a hearing entitled “Tapping America’s Energy Potential Through Research and Development”. Testimony was heard from Anthony Cugini, Director, National Energy Technology Laboratory, Department of Energy; Michael C. Hagood, Director, Program Development; Energy and Environment Science and Technology, Idaho National Laboratory, Idaho Falls, Idaho; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR MONDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2012

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Joint Meetings

Joint Economic Committee: December 6, to hold hearings to examine the fiscal cliff, focusing on how to protect the middle class, sustain long-term economic growth, and reduce the Federal deficit, 9:30 a.m., SH–216.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of December 3 through December 7, 2012

Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, at approximately 2 p.m., Senate will resume consideration of S. 3254, National Defense Authorization Act. At 5 p.m., Senate will begin consideration of the nomination of Paul William Grimm, of Maryland, to be United States District Judge for the District of Maryland. At approximately 5:30 p.m., Senate will vote on confirmation of the nomination of Paul William Grimm, of Maryland, to be United States District Judge for the District of Maryland, to be followed by a vote on the motion to invoke cloture on S. 3254, National Defense Authorization Act.

On *Tuesday*, at 12 noon, Senate will vote on the Resolution of Advice and Consent to Ratification of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Appropriations: December 5, Subcommittee on Department of Homeland Security, to hold hearings to examine Hurricane Sandy, focusing on response and recovery and progress and challenges, 10 a.m., SD–192.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: December 6, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Federal Housing Administration, focusing on Housing and Urban Development’s response to fiscal challenges, 10 a.m., SD–538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: December 4, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Mark Doms, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Economic Affairs, Polly Ellen Trottenberg, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of Transportation for Policy, Mignon L. Clyburn, of South Carolina, to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission,

Joshua D. Wright, of Virginia, to be a Federal Trade Commissioner, and Christopher R. Beall, of Oklahoma, and Yvonne Brathwaite Burke, of California, both to be a Director of the Amtrak Board of Directors, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

December 6, Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Infrastructure, Safety, and Security, to hold hearings to examine superstorm Sandy, focusing on the devastating impact on the nation's largest transportation systems, 10:30 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Finance: December 6, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Ronald Lee Buch, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: December 5, Subcommittee on African Affairs, to hold hearings to examine assessing developments in Mali, focusing on restoring democracy and reclaiming the north, 9 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: December 5, business meeting to consider S. 3472, to amend the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 to provide improvements to such Act, the nomination of Erica Lynn Groshen, of New York, to be Commissioner of Labor Statistics, Department of Labor, and any pending nominations, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on the Judiciary: December 6, business meeting to consider S. 1223, to address voluntary location tracking of electronic communications devices, and the nominations of Katherine Polk Failla, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, Troy L. Nunley, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of California, Sheri Polster Chappell, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida, Pamela Ki Mai Chen, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York, and Mark A. Barnett, to be a Judge of the United States Court of International Trade, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Select Committee on Intelligence: December 4, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

December 6, Full Committee, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

House Committees

Committee on Financial Services, December 5, Subcommittee on Capital Markets and Government Sponsored Enterprises, hearing entitled "Assessing the Economic and Market Implications of the Dodd-Frank Derivatives Title", 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, December 5, Subcommittee on Europe and Eurasia, hearing entitled "Iranian Influence in the South Caucasus and the Surrounding Region", 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, December 4, Subcommittee on Counterterrorism and Intelligence, hearing entitled "Terrorist Exploitation of Refugee Programs", 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on Natural Resources, December 4, Subcommittee on Indian and Alaska Native Affairs, hearing on S.3193, the "Barona Band of Mission Indians Land Transfer Clarification Act of 2012", 11 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, December 5, Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight, hearing entitled "The Impact of International Technology Transfer on American Research and Development", 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

December 6, Full Committee, hearing entitled "The Future of NASA: Perspectives on Strategic Vision for America's Space Program", 9:30 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, December 4, Full Committee, hearing entitled "A Review of the Preparedness, Response To and Recovery From Hurricane Sandy", 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

December 6, Full Committee, hearing entitled "An Update on the High Speed and Intercity Passenger Rail Program: Mistakes Made and Lessons Learned", 9:30 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, December 6, Full Committee, hearing on ongoing intelligence activities, 9 a.m., HVC-304. This is a closed hearing.